



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1278)

In the Application of:)

Lawton *et al.*)

Serial No.: 09/765,739)

Filed: January 18, 2001)

For: Compositions and Methods for Detection of *Ehrlichia canis* and *Ehrlichia chaffeensis* Antibodies)

Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: V. Ford

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on November 17, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.